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Editorial.

WE expect to spend Sabbath May 16, with the brethren and sisters of the Fair Haven congregation and enjoy communion with them..

PLEASE examine the label on your paper and if you find that the time has expired, kindly favor us with a renewal of your subscription.

OUR readers will do us a favor by sending to this office names of families and members of the Brethren church who are not now reading the EVANGELIST.

LAST week we run out of sample packages of tracts and for a few days did not have the time to prepare them. This accounts for the delay in filling a few orders. We are now prepared to fill orders promptly.

ONCE more we call attention to the dates of the three conferences to be held in June. Pennsylvania, June 3-6; Virginia, June 8-11; Ohio, June 15-17. Sunday-schools and churches in the several districts should be well represented.

THE *Youth's Companion* makes mention of a Canadian who can read the Bible in fourteen different tongues, and the newspaper in ten languages, and then very pertinently remarks: "It might make for righteousness in a larger degree, practically considered, were fourteen men to read the Bible in one tongue, and to leave some newspaper unread in any tongue."

THE Bible is not only read by more people to-day than ever before, but it is read more closely. The higher criticism has been a wonderful stimulant to Bible reading. The good old book is very dear to a great majority of people, and tho apparently indifferent in the reading of it, when its authenticity and divine authority as the word of God are assailed, they reassert their faith and apply themselves anew in its study.

THE time and place of the National Conference has not yet been definitely determined. The committee is at work and we hope to be able to make all necessary announcements in a very short time.

THE young people in this country are becoming a great power for good. Think of an army of more than four millions of young people fighting under the banner of king Jesus. The following table shows the numerical strength of the different branches of this army:

Christian Endeavor,	2,162,000
Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal Church,	1,500,000
Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal, Church, South,	150,000
Baptist Young People's Union,	400,000
Young People's Christian Union, United Brethren,	75,000
Luther League, Lutheran,	60,000
Young People's Christian Union, United Presbyterian,	35,146
Young People's Christian Union, Associate Reformed,	2,223
Young People's Alliance, Evangelical Association,	30,407
Total,	4,414,776

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARY.

Pittsburg.

The B. & O. R. R. has arranged to sell tickets to the Anniversary at Pittsburg from all points on its lines. Tickets will be sold on the certificate plan at regular tariff rates for the going trip, and return tickets will be sold at one-third the regular fare, making a fare and a third for the round trip.

Tickets on this plan will also be sold by Agents of all connecting lines.

From points west of the Ohio River tickets will be sold for all trains of May 13th to 19th, inclusive, and from points east of the Ohio River will be sold May 14th to 24th, valid for return until May 28th.

For further information, address nearest B. & O. Agent.

THOSE concerned will please remember that the date of the Maryland and Virginia conference has been changed from June 1-3 to June 8-11. Mention of this change was made in last week's paper and it is repeated here so that no mistake may be made.

How many of the young converts recently received into fellowship in your congregation are reading the church paper? To develop them in church work and church life and make them intelligent, useful Christian, you can do nothing better than have them read their church paper. Try it.

THERE is no set time for soul saving. With God it is *now*. Do not wait for a convenient season for such a season will not come to the church any more than it will come to the sinner. Do not relax your efforts because the warm days have come; there is as much need now as ever for "special" efforts to bring souls to Christ. "What thou doest do quickly." "The king's business requireth haste."

IT is remarkable what an interest some of our lawmakers manifest in the welfare of the Indian. The Utah legislature passed a law prohibiting the sale of liquor within ten miles of an Indian reservation. It is very important indeed that the poor Indian should be protected from the demon of strong drink, but how about the 2,000,000 boys in this country for whom the saloons have made their bid? When once our legislatures prohibit the sale of liquor within ten miles of all American homes they will be doing something that is praiseworthy.

WE gladly publish conference programs as matter of news and also as matter of general information for those concerned, but we should not be asked to publish these programs the second time. After the conference has been held, the fact that Mr. A. discussed a certain subject, is no longer a matter of news, nor of in-